

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 251
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory and commend the gallantry
of Corporal Cory Hewitt, United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army and other branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean was Corporal Cory Hewitt of Bumpus Mills, the son of Raymond and Judy Hewitt, who graduated from Stewart County High School in 1996. While in high school, Cory Hewitt began exercising his excellent leadership skills through active involvement in academics, football, and band; and

WHEREAS, he graduated cum laude from West Liberty State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, Cory Hewitt was attached to the 705th Ordnance Co. where he worked with Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD); and

WHEREAS, in less than two years in the U.S. Army, this remarkable young man had already garnered the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the EOD Badge; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2004, Corporal Hewitt was killed in a blast in a mess hall near Mosul, Iraq, that killed about twenty other people, the majority of whom were military, and injured scores of others; and

WHEREAS, this courageous twenty-six year old did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cory Hewitt served with great valor and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed; for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the United States Army and in society today; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly joins with Cory Hewitt's parents, Raymond and Judy Hewitt; his brother and sister, Bryan and Amanda Hewitt; and other members of his extended family in mourning the untimely death of this courageous young Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hewitt performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism - service which can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Corporal Cory Hewitt, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Corporal Cory Hewitt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.